

I am wholly against the "Broadcast Flag" mandate for two reasons:

It puts too much control in the hands of broadcasters to limit perfectly reasonable fair-usage and time-shifting. Both of these are treasured principles that are valuable features of American laws. The FCC must not ignore these in an attempt to give special permissions to members of a particular enterprise.

Secondly, I think there is no compelling need for such a flag and that regulations should pass the test of preventing damage in some way. For instance, I also disagree with mandating "HD" television broadcasts, which also failed this test. Regulations should prevent negatives, not promote (supposed) positives. When the market promote positives, no citizen is subject to government force in choosing to adopt or not.